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Chairman Phil Isenberg  
MLPA Task Force  
c/o Resources Agency  
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via E-Mail

Dear Chairman Isenberg:

I live on the central coast of California and am very concerned about the preservation of our coastal waters, its habitats and its inhabitants.

I know there are a lot of special interests out there trying to influence the implementation of the MLPA. I am seriously concerned that lobbies for fishing, oil, recreation and land development interests will create enough pressure to drive the implementation of MLPA in a direction that will harm the environment to the extent that my grandchildren and future generation will not be able to enjoy the beauty and richness of this special area.

I would like to see implementation of an effective network of marine reserves along the coast realized.

I want the Central Coast protected area to include Monterey Bay, Carmel Bay, and the Big Sur Coast. Even better would be protected areas to the north and to the south all along the California coast.

I also want the Task Force to utilize scientists to be the ones to determine and advise whether the proposals you receive will achieve the goals of the MLPA.

Mr. Isenberg, I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns to you and thank you and your staff for the extraordinary service you are providing for the future of California.

Sincerely,

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